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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman

D/OCI

SUBJECT : 14 August Draft Memorandum to USIB

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This looks like a good idea. I have two suggestions, designed to avoid the obvious danger that we will overload (a) the NIOs and (b) everyone else.

First, let us stress that we would not issue an Alerting Memorandum unless we were prepared simultaneously to recommend that WSAG convene. A rather reverse criterion of this sort seems necessary lest we find ourselves simply inventing another current intelligence publication.

Second, let us not commit ourselves to coordination. Specifically, revise the second sentence of paragraph four to read "If the DCI concurred, he would charge the responsible NIO with getting the memorandum prepared, consulting among the USIB agencies to the extent feasible."

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